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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method comprising:

receiving a request to access a target computer from a remote computer at a central computer system, wherein the target computer includes a desktop;

determining whether the remote computer has permission to access the target computer;

and enabling the remote computer to access ~~control~~ the desktop of the target computer if the remote computer has permission to access ~~control~~ the desktop of the target computer.;

2. (previously amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

allowing the remote computer to specify accessible applications that are located on the target computer if the remote computer has permission to access the target computer.

3-10. (cancelled)

11. (currently amended) A computer system including:

a first computer and a second computer, each including a desktop;

a central server computer system communicatively accessible by the first and second computers, wherein the central server computer system is configured to enable a computer to share access ~~control~~ of a desktop of another computer via a global computer network and is further configured to determine whether the computer has permission to share access ~~control~~ of a desktop of the another computer;

a first computer program installed on the first computer and configured to send a request to the central server computer system to access ~~and control~~ the desktop of the second

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computer and further configured to enable the first computer to access ~~and control~~ the desktop of the second computer; and

a second computer program installed on the second computer and configured to receive a request from the central server computer system to access ~~and control~~ the desktop of the second computer and further configured to enable the first computer to access ~~and control~~ the desktop of the second computer.

12. (previously amended) The computer system of claim 11 wherein the first and second computer programs comprise computer instructions for: allowing the first computer to specify accessible applications that are located on the second computer if the first computer has permission to access the second computer.

13-27. (cancelled)

28. The computer system of claim 11, wherein the first and second computer programs are remote access programs.

29. The computer system of claim 28, wherein the remote access programs are downloaded from the central server computer system.

30. The computer system of claim 11, wherein the central server computer system includes a web server.

31. The computer system of claim 11, wherein the first and second computer programs are software plug-ins downloadable from a website.